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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D. 
Interim Director

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRESS IN OBTAINING
REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES MEDICAL HUB FORENSIC EVALUATIONS**

On September 1, 2009, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Public Social Services (DPSS), to report back in 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on our progress on the following items:

1) Working with the Medi-Cal Managed Care health plans to establish contracts for reimbursement for Medical Hub forensic examinations for pre-detained and non-detained children involved in the child welfare system; 2) working with the California Departments of Health and Social Services on carving out reimbursement to the County for Medical Hub forensic medical examinations at the federal Medi-Cal Share of Cost level, similar to the State's agreements with school-based clinics; and 3) evaluating the feasibility of systematically accessing alternative State emergency/temporary Medi-Cal eligibility programs, such as the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Program, for children not already enrolled in Medi-Cal.

This quarterly report provides an update on item one. Items two and three were addressed in prior quarterly reports.

Reimbursement from Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans

L.A. Care has informed DHS that reimbursement to DHS for Medical Hub services provided to L.A. Care members was discussed with the L.A. Care Board of Governors committee that is in charge of Plan Partner negotiations during a meeting in October 2010. The committee approved the decision for L.A. Care to engage Plan Partners in discussions pertaining to contracting with DHS to provide Medical Hub services to L.A. Care members. L.A. Care has indicated that they would wrap up negotiations with Plan Partners and provide DHS with a proposed reimbursement rate and agreement in the coming weeks. DHS will notify the Board of the proposed reimbursement rate and agreement terms.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Cheri Todoroff, Deputy, DHS Planning and Program Oversight, at (213) 240-8272 or via e-mail at ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov.

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